

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 10, 2005

Board Members: Larry Swift, Chair (District #9)
Holly Parker-Jensen (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Bonnie Decker (District #4)
Duane Sommers (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Allie "AJ" Joiner (District #7)

Absent: Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Vice-Chair (District #8)

Superintendent: Todd Reeves

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Guests: Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent
Dana Pride, Federation
Dawn Smith, PSO
April McArthur, WPEA
James West, WSDAA
Larry Bush, School Psychologist/Pasco

Recorder: Judy Smith
Interpreters: Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Larry Swift, Chair, at 9:06 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of January 13, 2005, Board meeting minutes

Bonnie Decker made a motion to approve the January 13, 2005, minutes. It was seconded by Pat Clothier. The motion was voted on and approved.

Two letters were discussed:

- *Resignation letter from Bruce Romanish (District #3):* Duane Sommers made a motion to accept Bruce Romanish's resignation. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. This letter was accepted with regret and with much appreciation for the contributions Bruce has made to the Board and the Washington School for the Deaf.
- *Letter from Governor Gary Locke:* An appreciation letter from Governor Locke to the Board of Trustees. WSD and the Board of Trustees' name have been placed on the "Wall of Accomplishments" (Capitol building) for support of strategic planning.

The Board will tour the Tapestry project and sample the achievements of WSD's Culinary Arts electives at the April meeting.

The Superintendent gave an update on the recent Western States Basketball Classic (WSBC) tournament, held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Committee Report

Pat Clothier discussed this morning's **Finance Committee** meeting. Everything looks good and there are no unanticipated surprises.

Planning for March Board of Trustees meeting in Olympia

The Board will be meeting with the Children & Family Service Committee meeting on March 9th. The March 10th Board of Trustees meeting will be held (9 a.m. – 12 noon) at the home of Larry Swift.

Duane Sommers distributed an agenda for the March 9/10, visit to Olympia. Visits to various legislators were discussed.

WSD has been scheduled to present before the House Capital Budget Committee on Monday, February 14, 2005. A "draft" handout for the upcoming meeting was distributed and discussed. A powerpoint presentation is also being prepared for this presentation.

Discussion of DLR review and draft report

A report has not yet been received. This topic will be discussed at a later date.

Policy and Procedure Review (Todd Reeves)

Policy 2020: Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials:
A revision of the above policy was discussed. Pat Clothier moved to accept the policy as revised. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Change in meeting dates

Bonnie Decker moved that the regular Board meetings be moved to the third Thursday of each month beginning during the month of April. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. for one hour to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent. The meeting reopened at 11:45 a.m..

The meeting was recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and reopened at 12:29 p.m

Staff Presentation – Graduation requirements (Lori Dunsmore, Principal)

Lori Dunsmore, new Principal at WSD, gave an overview of graduation requirements at WSD (handout). WSD requires 30 credits for graduation whereas the state law requires only 19. A comparison of academic credits (state law vs. WSD) was also discussed.

Labor Information – new state contracts (April Rounds, Human Resources)

If approved by the legislature, the new contracts will become effective July 1, 2005, and remain in effect until June 30, 2007. Changes in benefits and wages were reviewed. Proposed discipline and grievance procedures were also reviewed.

IDEA Reauthorization (Todd Reeves, Superintendent)

An “Analysis of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004”, prepared by Barbara Raimondo, (handout) was reviewed and discussed. Is it possible for WSD to involve itself in the mapping of cochlear implants as part of their Outreach program? The Superintendent has been working with WSD’s Audiologist to see if this would be a viable project. The Superintendent will update the Board at a future Board meeting on this topic.

(Handout) A flow chart outlining how to determine “highly qualified” personnel under IDEA was handed out and discussed. Human Resources will need to analyze each certificated staff member’s credentials to determine if they meet the definition of “highly qualified” under the IDEA requirements.

Report on developing projects (Todd Reeves, Superintendent)

- ***Collaboration with North Central ESD***
 - The Superintendent will present to the special education directors at North Central ESD next week.
- ***Shared Reading Video Outreach Project (SRVOP)***
 - Todd Reeves and Rick Hauan will be meeting with Nancy Hatfield and Howie Seago on Monday, February 14, to discuss WSD possibly taking over the SRVOP.
- ***Collaboration with Listen and Talk***
 - Pat Clothier and Todd Reeves will be attending the Listen & Talk Board meeting on March 16th. A draft contractual agreement will be completed prior to that meeting. Listen and Talk will attend WSD’s March 10th Board meeting.

ADWAS (Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services) (Todd Reeves, Superintendent)

Todd Reeves had an introductory meeting with Shelli Barber and Cathy Hoog of ADWAS. A possible partnership between WSD and ADWAS in the area of student safety was discussed. It was a very beneficial meeting.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2005.

Adjournment

Duane Sommers moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Larry Swift, Chair
WSD Board of Trustees

Todd Reeves, Superintendent
Washington School for the Deaf

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